the National Vocational Training Institute (.Women's wing);

(el whether i| is a Cad that diplomas be awarded t_G the trainees 'at the of the course as no practical work has been covered;

(d) if so. wheher any responsibility en fixed in this regard; and

(e, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a I yes, Sir.

[1] The course "Data Preparation .nil" which ha_s been started at the ma] Vocational Training Institute for ten. New Delhi does not need an exclusive computer. The off-line terminals needed for imparting the. training have installed. The limited exposure to the computer needed for operating the tie programme prepared by the has been provided by talcing the S to other computer installations.

Since the required practical training been provided to the trainees, the ion of not awarding the certificates to the successful trainees at the end of the does not arise. A_s envisaged I the scheme, arrangements are being made for providing 6 months on the job in computer installations after the competition Of six months of institutional training.

(d) and (e) In view of the above, the question of fixing the responsibility and taking further action does not arise.

Model Law on Consumer Protection

1593. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES he pleased to State.

whether Government have recently 11 a Model Law o_n Consumer Picon for $adopti_{on}$ by all the States and on Territories:

(b) if so. what are the salient features thereof: and

(c) by when it i_s to b_e given effect to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN I III MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) The dr aft model law on consume) protection to be adopted by the States provides for setting up a Consumer Pro tection Council, Directorate of Consumers' Affairs and a Consumer Dispute Redi Forum. The objectives of the proposed measures is t_0 protect and promote con sumer interest and provide for a forum lor speedy and inexpensive redressal of grievances of consumers. The Consumer Protection Council shall promote and protect the rights of the consumer such $_{as}$ right to safety, right to be informed, right to choose, right to be heard and right ^{to} seek redressal against unscrupu lous exploitation of consumers by some manufacturers|traders. The Council will undertake programmes for providing in formation and education to consumers and development of consumer protection movement. The Directorate of Consumer Affairs will be an executive arm to receive consumers' complaints and to act on them. The Consumer $Disput_e$ Redressal Forum will be a quasi-judicial machinery for speedy and inexpensive settlement of consumer disputes.

(c) The law will be applied after com pleting the legislative process.

Price tagging of goods

1594. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased, to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that customers are often cheated by the shopkeepers in two ways, firstly the goods are sold in loose form and not in packages and secondly there is no price tag on the goods put on sale for the benefit of th_e prospective buy-ers

(b) whether Government are also aware that even the items which are put on 'grand sale' do not carry the price tags indicating the original prices and price cut on these articles and such sales benefit only the shopkeepers; and